

REMARKS:

Claims 18-23 are pending. By this Amendment, Claims 1-5, 8-12, 15 and 17 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and Claims 18-23 are added. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is presented herein.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-5, 8-12, 15 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 6,965,195 to Yamazaki et al. (Yamazaki) in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,919,678 to Ozolins et al. (Ozolins) and further in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,476,783 to Matthies et al. (Matthies). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

As Claims 1-5, 8-12, 15 and 17 have been canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer and Claims 18-23 added, Applicants note the rejection with regards to the now-canceled claims is moot. Therefore, Applicant traverse the rejection as if it were applied against the new claims.

Claims 18-23 each recite an organic EL display panel including, among other features, wherein at least non-luminescent areas of the cover of the organic EL display panel are provided with transmission vision preventing means, each non-luminescent area being disposed between an end portion of an upper electrode and an end portion of the cover, the non-luminescent areas of the cover being colored by a light-absorbable color that is capable of absorbing a light having a wavelength within the visible light region; and the organic EL device(s) are sealed by filling an internal space formed between the substrate and the cover with an inert gas.

Applicants note the Office Action admits Yamazaki fails to teach or suggest at least non-luminescent areas of a cover of an organic EL display panel are provided with transmission vision preventing means.

Ozolins is cited for allegedly overcoming or at least addressing the admitted deficiency of Yamazaki.

Applicants provided the following comments with regards to Ozolins.

Ozolins' display device includes a light-transmitting portion and a non-transmitting portion. However, Ozolins' non-transmitting portion (i.e., the second portion) is formed only on the displaying side. Furthermore, Applicants respectfully submit that Ozolins' display device (10) has nothing to seal up or in the organic EL devices since what Ozolins actually discloses is an electronic display apparatus, not an organic EL display panel.

The present invention recited by Claims 18-23 forms non-transmitting portions (i.e., transmission vision preventing means) by coloring the sealing cover located opposite to the displaying side (substrate side) so as to prevent the display panel's internal structure from being visible, thereby avoiding any displaying defect. Ozolins does not teach or suggest such a feature.

Rather, as discussed above, Ozolins forms non-transmitting portions only by coloring a substrate on the displaying side, which is not for the purpose of preventing the display panel's internal structure from being visible. In fact, Ozolins' display section (100) (which has already been sealed) is enclosed between the cover (200) (displaying side) and the cover (300) (rear side), while the non-transmitting portion is formed only

for the purpose of not making the boundary area of display section too remarkable visible.

As such, Ozolins structurally and functionally fails to teach or suggest that which is recited by Claims 18-23. Specifically, the cover (200) (displaying side) includes a first portion (210) (transparent) and a second portion (220) (non-transparent).

In the presently claimed invention, the non-luminescent areas of the cover are colored by a light-absorbable color capable of absorbing a light having a wavelength within a visible light region. In this way, it is possible for the claimed invention to prevent an undesired transmission vision, so as to prevent an internal structure within an internal sealing space of an organic EL panel from being visible.

None of the applied art of record cited by the Office Action teaches or suggests such a feature. For example, Ozolins fails to teach or suggest that its non-transmitting portion is formed by a color capable of absorbing a light having a wave length within a visible light region.

Furthermore, in the presently recited invention, the organic EL device(s) are sealed by filling an internal space formed between the substrate and the cover with an inert gas. The applied art of record fails to teach or suggest such a feature.

Matthies fails to overcome or otherwise address the above-describe drawbacks of Yamazaki and Ozolins.

To establish *prima facie* obviousness of a rejected claim, each and every feature recited by a rejected claim must be taught or suggested in the applied art of record. M.P.E.P. §2143.03. As explained above, Yamazaki, Ozolins and Matthies, alone or in any combination, fail to disclose or suggest each and every feature recited by Claims

18-23. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit Claims 18-23 are not rendered obvious in view of Yamazaki, Ozolins and Matthies. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit Claims 18-23 should be deemed allowable.

Applicants respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the outstanding rejection, allowance of Claims 18-23, and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability are respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing docket number 107156-00232.**

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